

ATTACHMENT C
CUA OPERATING REQUIREMENTS
for
Commercial Kayak Excursions

PERMITTED SEASON DATES

Isle Royale is open to commercial sea kayaking excursions from April 16 to October 31.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

When conducting trips within Isle Royale National Park, the permittee is required to have in their possession the following items:

- Valid State or provincial license, if applicable, covering commercial operations
- NOAA Isle Royale chart #14976 and Isle Royale topographic map
(The chart & map are available through the Isle Royale Natural History Association at www.irnha.org or by calling 800-678-6925)
- Copy of Commercial Use Authorization Permit issued by Isle Royale National Park

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Each kayak in the permittee's party shall be equipped with the following:

- U.S. Coast Guard approved flotation devices
- Spray skirt
- Adequate flotation bags or solid water tight bulkhead
- Bilge pump or bailing device
- U.S. Coast Guard approved light if traveling at night

In addition, each traveling group shall have one marine radio, a group first aid kit, one flare kit, one safety throw rope, and one spare paddle for every three kayaks in the group.

REQUIRED CAMPING PERMITS AND PARTY SIZE LIMITS

CAMPING PERMITS are required for **ALL OVERNIGHT USE** within Isle Royale National Park. Permittee must obtain a camping permit **BEFORE** camping. Permits may be obtained at either the Windigo or Rock Harbor Visitor Centers. **Advance "Group" campsite reservations are MANDATORY** for any trip which includes more than six people (including guides/staff). All organizations sending more than six people to the park at one time must get camping permits in advance. Reservations can be made on-line at www.pasty.com/~isro/nps2.php or by calling the park headquarters at (906) 482-0984.

Permittee must use established campgrounds for all overnight use; use of cross-country camping zones is prohibited. No party travelling together may be larger than 10 people

under any circumstances. Only parties of six or less may use regular campsites; **parties of 7 to 10 MUST** use designated "Group" campsites and follow the itinerary specified on their camping permit.

Permittee may not have more than a total of 20 people on the island at any one time. Permittee may not bring more than a cumulative total of 80 people to the park during any one operating season.

No commercial kayak trips may originate or end at Windigo due to the absence of campsites along the north and south shores of the park out of Windigo.

PARK DAILY USER FEE

All visitors age 12 and up must pay a \$4 per person per day user fee. Only employees of permittee are exempt from this fee. The Commercial Use Authorization Permit must be presented to fee collection staff to be provided the exemption.

FISHING

No fishing license is required to fish the inland lakes of the park. Any fishing conducted on Lake Superior waters requires a valid Michigan State fishing license.

REQUIREMENT TO CLEAR CUSTOMS

Every person entering the United States from Canada must first pass through an U.S. Customs and Immigration inspection. This is true regardless of the nationality of the individual or purpose of the visit. Inspection stations are located at the Windigo and Rock Harbor Visitor Centers.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Permittee is required to prepare and submit an Annual Report. This report must be submitted to the Superintendent, Isle Royale National Park, and must be received no later than November 30 each year. All information requested by the Superintendent must be provided, including Gross Annual Receipts.

SEARCH AND RESCUE COSTS

Permittee will reimburse the National Park Service, Isle Royale National Park, for all costs incurred by the Service in providing search and rescue services to the permittee or permittee's customers.

COMPLIANCE WITH OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

Failure to comply with these operating requirements will result in revocation of the Commercial Use Authorization Permit for a minimum period of one year. Violation of park regulations may result in the issuance of a Federal Violation Notice.